

IV. Remarks

After entry of these amendments, claims 2-4 and 117 are pending.

The specification has been amended to add the names of the prostaglandins, “beraprost, fluprostenol, limaprost, mistoprost and viprostol” that were deleted in error in the response filed on March 29, 2006.

In claim 2 the phrase “with the proviso that R₁ is an oxygen atom which is attached to the carbon atom at the position of the benzene ring defined by B” and the proviso for the variable K have been deleted.

In claim 3 the phrase “or a mixture thereof” has been deleted.

Claim 117 has been editorially amended and is supported by the specification at, for example, page 4, lines 1 to 6; and page 16, line 32 to page 17, line 4.

No issues of new matter should arise and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Rejoinder

Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for the rejoinder of composition claim 4.

Rejection under 35 USC § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 2-4 and 117 are rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Claim 2 has been amended to delete the phrase “with the proviso that R₁ is an oxygen atom which is attached to the carbon atom at the position of the benzene ring defined by B”. As pointed out by the Examiner this phrase is in error as R₁ would not be directly attached to the benzene ring formed by the variables R₈ and R₉.

In claim 2 the proviso for the variable K has been deleted as it is not necessary since the compounds of claim 2 must contain at least 3 –NO₂ groups.

Claim 3 has been amended to delete the phrase “a mixture thereof”.

As requested by the Examiner, claim 117 has been rewritten in the same format as that as claim 3.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims satisfy the requirement under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, and respectfully request that the rejection under this provision be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-4 and 117.

Examiner Stockton is encouraged to contact the undersigned concerning any questions about the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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